COUNTING THE ELECTORAL VOTES.

The Bill Agreed Upon by the Commit-

A Bill to provide for and regulate the counting of votes for President and Vice-President, and the decisions of questions arising thereon for the term commencing March 4, Anno Domini 1877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Senate and House of Representatives shall meet in the hall of the House of Repremeridian, on the first Thursday in Februa. put the main question without further de-ry, A. D. 1877, and the President of the bate. enate shall be the presiding officer. Two tellers shall be previously appointed on the part of the Senate and two on the part of shall be handed, as they are opened by the upon the left; the Senators, in the body of President of the Senate, all the certificates, the hall upon the right of the Presiding offi-President of the Senate, all the certificates, and papers purporting to be certificates. and the papers shall be opened, presented and acted upon in alphabetical order of the States, beginning with letter A, and said tellers having then read the same, in the presence and hearing of the two Houses. shall make a list of votes as they shall appear from said certificates, and the votes having been ascertained and counted, as in the act provided, the result of the same Senate, who shall thereupon aunounce the state of the vote and the names of the persons, if any, elected, which announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons elected President and Vice-President of the United States, and, together with a list of States, be entered on the journals of the two Houses. Upon such reading of any such certificate or paper, when there shall be only one return from a State, the President of the Senate shall call for objections, if any; every objection shall be made in writing, and shall state, clearly and concisely, and without argument, the ground thereof, and shall be argued by at least one Senator and one member of House of Representatives before objections so made to any vote or paper from a State shall have been received and read, the Senate shall thereupon withdraw, and such objections shall be submitted to the Senate for its decision, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall, in like manner, submit such objections to the House of Representatives for its discussion; and no Electoral vote or votes from any State from which but one return has been received shall be objected to except by the affirmative vote of the two Houses. When the two Houses have voted, they shall immediately again meet, and the presiding officer shall then announce the decision of the question submitted.

Sec. 2. That if more than one return or paper, purporting to be returns from a state, shall have been received by the Presstate, shall have been received by the President of the Senate, purporting to be certificates of Electoral votes given at the last to a tribe of the Sioux who live north preceding election for President and Vice- of the Black Hills, for nearly nine years. President in such State, unless they shall Her father resided in Philadelphia and returns and papers shall be opened by him, was engaged in a dry-goods store. She in the presence of the two Houses, when and other members of the family were to be easily moved from place to place met as aforesaid, and read by tellers, and visiting in Western Iowa, when the as the owner desires. A small stove all such returns and papers shall thereupon be submitted to the judgment and decision, as to which is the true and lawful Electoral vote of such State, of a Commission constituted as follows, namely: During the session of each House, on the Tuesday next preceding the first Thursday in February, 1877, each House shall, by a viva voce vote, appoint five of its members, who, with five Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, to be ascertained as hereinafter provided, shall constitute the Commission for the decision of all questions upon or in respect to such doubtful returns named in this section, on the Tuesday next preceding the first Thursday in February. A. D. 1877, or as soon thereafter as may The Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States now assigned to the First, Third, Eighth and Court, which five persons shall be members of said Commission, and the person longest in commission of said Justices shall be President of said Commission. The members of said Commission shall respectively take and subscribe to the following oath:

the case may be, that I will impartially examine and consider all questions submitted to the Commission of which I am a member, ably to the Constitution and the laws. So

help me God. Which oath shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate. When the Commission shall have been thus organized, it shall not be in the power of either House to dissolve the same or to withdraw any one of its yesterday afternoon. Miss Smith has members, but if any such Senator or member shall die or become physically unable to perform the duties required by this act, the fact of such death or physical inability shall be by said Commission, before it shall proceed further, communicated to the Senate of House of Representatives, as the case may be, which body shall immediately and without debate proceed by a viva voce vote to fill the place so vacated, and the person so appointed shall take and subscribe to the oath heretofore presented and become a member of said Commission; and in like manner, in case any of said Justices of Supreme Court shall die or become physically incapable of performing the duties required by this act, the other of said Justices, members of said Commission, shall immediately appoint another Justice of said Court a member of said Commission, and in such appointments regard shall be had to the impartiality and freedom from bias sought by the original appointments to said Commission, who shall thereupon immediately take and subscribe to the oath hereinbefore subscribed and become a member of said Commission to fill the vacancy so occasioned. All the certificates and papers purporting to be certificates of Electoral votes of each State shall be opened in the alphabetical order of States, as provided in section one of this act, and when there shall be more than one such certificate or paper, as the certifi- to the prisoner, he placed the scene of opened, excepting duplicates of the same return, they shall be read by tellers, and thereupon the President of the Senate shall call for objections, if any. Every objection newspaper, near the window. He could the grounds thereof, and shall be signed by at least one Senator and one member of the House of Representatives before the same shall be received. When all such objections so made to any certificates, vote or paper, from a State shall have been received and read, all such certificates, votes and papers so objected to, and all papers accompanying the same, together with such objections, shall be forthwith submitted to said Commission, which shall proceed to consider the same with the same powers, if any, now possessed for that purpose by the two Houses, acting separately or together, and by a majority of votes decide whether any and what vote from such State are the votes provided for by the Constitution of the United States, and how many and what such petitions, depositions and other papers, if any, as shall by the Constitution and now be made in writing, stating briefly the ground thereof, and signed by the members of said Commission agreeing therein, whereupon the two Houses shall again meet, and therewith, unless, upon objection made thereto in writing by at least five Senators and five members of the House of Representatives, the two Houses shall separately concur in ordering otherwise, in which case such concurrent order shall govern. No

Sec. 3. That while the two Houses shall be in meeting, as provided in this act, no de-bate shall be allowed and no question shall be put by the presiding officer, except to either House, or a motion to withdraw, and

he shall have power to preserve order.
Sec. 4. That when the two Houses separate to decide upon an objection that may have been made to the counting of any Electoral vote or votes from any State, or upon objection to a report of said Commission, or other question arising under this act, each Senator and Representative may speak to such objection or question 10 minutes, and not oftener than once. But after such debate shall have lasted two hours, it sentatives at the hour of 10 o'clock post shall be the duty of each of the Houses to

Sec. 5. That at such joint meeting of the House sents shall be provided as follows: For the President of the Senate, the Speakthe House of Representatives, to whom er's chair; for the Speaker, immediately cer; for the Representatives, in the body of the hall not provided for the Senators; for the Tellers, Secretaries of the Senate and Clerks of the House of Representatives, at the Clerk's desk; for other officers of the two Houses, in front of the Clerk's desk and upon each side of the Speaker's platform. Such joint meeting shall not be dissolved until the count of Electoral votes shall be completed and the result declared, and no recess shall be taken unless a question shall have arisen in regard to the counting of any such votes, or otherwise, under this act, in which case it shall be competent for either House, acting separately in the manner hereinbefore provided, to direct a recess of such House, not beyond the next day, Sunday excepted, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and while any question is being considered by said Commission, either House may proceed with its legislative or other business.

Sec. 6. That nothing in this act shall be held to impair or affect any right now existing under the Constitution and laws, to question, by proceedings in the judicial courts of the United States, the right or title of the person who shall be declared the same shall be received. When all elected, or who shall claim to be President or Vice-President of the United States, if

any such right exists. Sec. 7. That said Commission shall make its own rules, keep a record of its proceedings, and shall have power to employ such persons as may be necessary for the transaction of its business and the execution of its

A Rescued Girl-Captive of the Sioux for Nine Years.

Yesterday afternoon, says the littsburgh Chronicle, a young girl aged about 17 years arrived at the Union Depot by Chicago express, on her way to relatives at Lockport. Her name is Sioux raided the place, capturing her and others and killing her little brother She was taken to their hunting ground and was, she says, treated well generally, but mistreated at times because of her inability to learn their language. Another girl, a year or two her senior, was captured with her, and the two, by conversing together, succeeded in retaining their knowledge of the English tongue. Her companion was a Miss Stewart, who was rescued at the same time and sent to her friends at Omaha. Miss Smith states that a party of five trappers discovered them some weeks since and persuaded them to Ninth Circuits shall select, in such manner make an escape. This they finally as the majority of them shall deem fit, an- consented to do, and the party, stealing other of the Associate Justices of said Indian ponies, left for the white man's country. They were pursued four days by the Sioux, but got off, and in time to reach Rock City, on the Union Pacific. There they were supplied with clothing by their rescuers, Messrs. 1, ----, do solemnly swear or affirm, as | Welsh, Schwartz, Wolf, Botmeyer and one other whose name Miss Smith can not recall. The railway company and a true judgment give thereon, agree- passed her via Chicago, boarding her in transit and treating her with the greatest kindness. The agent of the Pennsylvania Railway did similarly here, and the young woman was sent to her uncle at Lockport, on the 4:30 train been so long with the Indians that she has acquired a few of their peculiarities and to the reporter seemed to have some of the prominent features of the savages. She is intelligent considering her disadvantages, and quite prepossessing in her appearance notwithstanding her bronzed complexion.

How a Prisoner Convicted Himself.

The French bar has just lost in M. Chaix-d'Est-Ange one of its greatest masters. His greatest triumph, perhaps, and one of the greatest triumphs ever obtained at any bar, was achieved in the case of a man called Benoit, whom he was prosecuting for parricide. Benoit had all along persisted in declaring he was innocent, and there was nothing but circumstantial evidence against him. M. Chaix-d'Est-Ange resolved to employ one of the most startling and dramatic figures of rhetoric ever used in a court of law. Turning cates and papers from such State shall be so the murder in vivid and striking language before him. "There," he cried, "sat your father, quietly reading the shall be made in writing, and shall state not see who came into the room. You clearly and concisely and without argument stole in on tip-toe and crept close behind him. You paused one moment and then raised the hatchet"— "Yes, yes!" cried . Benoit, "that's it; that's how I did it!" What the repeated interrogatories of the examining magistrates had failed to elicit from the murderer was forced from him by the eloquence of the barrister .- Manchester

Crook's Campaigns.

the Sioux General Crook's troops have mode of life on Saginaw Bay, I retraced boy. After a mournful visit to the despersons were duly appointed Electors in marched 3,300 miles, the General and my road, and was soon safe again in the such State, and may therein take into view his staff accompanying them from first Bay City. his staff accompanying them from first Bay City. to last. Only seven months have been existing law, be competent and pertinent in such consideration, which decision shall this distance, which would make an average of 472 miles per month. The spoils resulting from the four principle days less than the time consumed by train, and is now, we trust, safe in his battles fought and from the Red Cloud Jules Verne's hero. A letter dis- old Missouri home.—Corsicana (Texas) such decision shall be read, and entered in Agency affair are 395 tepees captured the journal of each House. The counting of the votes shall proceed in conformity of nearly 3,000 Indians; about 5,000 days, and the reply sent to Japan via robes and tons of other camp equipage; the Suez route, reaching its destination 350 Indians captured; estimated 300 in less than 80 days. killed and 450 wounded, and 1,850 ponies captured. General Crook has lost a total of 22 men killed in battle

A CITY ON THE ICE.

Among the Fishermen on Saginaw Bay

—A Singular Way of Gaining a Livelihood—Not Less than 1,000 Persons Living on the Bay.

[From the Detroit Free Press.] Having heard and read much of the perilous adventures of the fishermen on Saginaw Bay for the past two winters, your correspondent had a great desire to see some of this singular mode of life, and to know by actual observation whether or not the stories told were founded on fact. With this in view I visited Bay City, a few days ago, and upon inquiry I learned that the fishing season had fairly com-menced, and that fishing parties were daily going out to the bay with their shanties and fishing apparatus to commence their winter's work.

conveyance to the curious city. Here I was informed that it was some six or seven miles to the fishing grounds, and that the only road by which I could reach them was on the ice in the river. for a meal. Upon its back was pasted kind of road I was assured that it was Board of Louisiana." perfectly safe, that the ice was at least 18 inches in thickness on the river, but at the same time was cautioned that when I encountered the cracks in the ice I must drive square across to avoid getting the cutter runner in the crevice. The preliminaries with the livery-man being arranged, I started for the river, having to wind my way amidst lumber piles, freight cars, saw-mills and salt blocks for a mile or more before I was able to strike the road on the river. When this road was reached, however, I found a well beaten track, as easily followed as most of our highways. The surface was somewhat uneven, caused by the motion of the water when the ice was forming. The road was not rough enough, however, to prevent a good round gait of the horse, and, seeing none of the cracks in the ice about which I had been cautioned, I soon gained entire confidence in the road, and rather enjoyed the ride between the high tiers of salt-barrels and lumber that lined the river bank on either side, and in a very short time found myself in sight of the mouth of the river and light-houses near by.

The first fishing shanty I found about a mile above the mouth of the river, and in this neighborhood there was perhaps a dozen, being all of about the same make and size, being about six feet square, high enough for a man to stand up in, covered with a regular house roof, and built on runners, so as and blankets for sleeping, form also pity for the misguided votary of the an important part of the outfit. The material mostly used in the construction of the shanties is thin strips of timber, lined with thick building paper. Near the first group of shanties and on the high road to the bay, stands a new rough board building, about 12 by 16 feet, built also on runners, and labelled over the door, "Saloon." Immediately after passing this group and the saloon, the road leaves the river channel and passes for some distance over an overflowed marsh to the shore, of the bay. Here was a low, narrow ridge of land, and from it could be seen, as far as the eye could reach outward toward the lakes, these small abodes of the fishermen. I could see from this point what appeared to be quite a large building, which I judged to be about a mile distant from the shore, and thinking this might be a sort of headquarters where I could get information, I started at a brisk pace to reach it. I found the distance to be much greater than it appeared, and was willing to call it two miles before I reached it. When once there I found it to be a hotel, and affords entertainment for man and stabling and hay for

fisherman of long experience on the bay, and his partner, Richard Champaigne, and is called the Half-way House, or Fisherman's Home. The ight from this point is truly astonishing, the shanties dotting the surface of the bay in all directions, so far as I could see. From Mr. Fuller I learned that the number of these shanties now on the bay was about 300, and that about 30 were arriving and being put up daily, and that the average number of occupants in each shanty was three men or men and boys, thus making, including the larger buildings and their occupants, not less than 1,000 persons already living on the ice. Mr. Fuller thinks there will be thrice the number on the ice by the first of February, and that they can remain there in safety until the middle of March. Mr. Fuller could not give any satisfactory estimate of the amount of fish caught or the revenue to be aerived from them, but the fact that teams are constantly engaged in gathering together and hauling the fish to Bay City, whence they are shipped to all parts of the State, and that all these people find it sufficiently profitable to induce them to brave the perils and hardships attending this adventurous life, is proof that the aggregate revenue of the business must be quite large. The people engaged in it come mostly from Bay City, Wenona and the other towns on the Saginaw River and Bay. Some come from Canada, and a few this winter from Buffalo. This mode of fishing seems to be peculiar to Saginaw Bay, and was first practiced by the Indians many years ago, but it has been but a

This house is kept by Wm. Fuller, a

circuit of the world by means of corpatched via America to England was Index.

be acted upon until objections previously made to the votes or papers from any State shall have been finally disposed of.

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The Man who Saw An Alligator.

Some weeks ago a Twenty-third Street operator speculatd enormously friends, as well as Chicago dealers, were appalled at the magnitude of its used on broken chilblains. transactions. He was very successful

One morning recently a large box arrived at the Twenty-third Street offices directed to C. J. Osborn, well known as one of Jay Gould's brokers. It was deposited in the room where the prinpal speculators were congregated, and many were the surmises as to its contents. The bill of lading merely described it as "one box and contents I at once applied to a livery-stable for from New Orleans, value \$100." The carpenter who was summoned to open the box, after pulling off the top and tearing away a mass of moss and seaweed, uncovered a lively alligator eager Upon questioning the safety of this a label. "A member of the Returning

There was a universal drawing of legs up on chairs and tables as this member of the Returning Board crawled about the floor in his anxiety to appease

a whetted appetite. Just then the wheat-speculator was noticed slowly wending his way across Fifth Avenue toward the offices. His brow was sad, and his appearance secret sorrow and remorse.

An idea struck B. F. Carver. "All sit still," said he, "and, when the reptile."

In walked the speculator. The alligator was slowly making its way about the room, opening and closing its huge jaws with a snap worthy a bull-terrier.

"Great Cæsar! Carver, whose alligator is that?" "What alligator?" asked Carver.

Carver. you old fraud! Where are your eyes?

Where did it come from, Osborne?" "Well, John George, you see the al-

igator, don't you?" queried the specu-"Not much," replied John George, is equally good for Graham bread. ooking around with an expression of

cup, which was copied by the others. Finally the grain-speculator's countenance fell, and as he made tracks for panies, they tell a story of a gentlethe door he was heard to murmur, "I man well known in financial circles a

He Meant Cider.

er drop."-New York Sun.

uncommonly fond of cider. The mis- Among other things, he asked him if, sionary had a barrel of fine cider, and in looking over his past life, he did not he liked to hold religious converse with see some things to regret "Yes," Ben and Sam. One day Ben said to said he, quickly; "I'm sorry I didn't Sam: "Why do you go to the minister's take more of that gas-stock; it's going so often?" "To talk," was the reply. to be a good thing." The experience "And what do you talk?" "Genesis, of subsequent years has simply verified Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Exodus, his prediction. - Boston Post. and 'Pocraphy.'" "Huugh! Say it over. What else?" "Peter, Timothy, Jonah, Ananias, and Leviticus. "What else?" "Babylon, Moses, Judas Iscariot, Saint John, and Nebuchad-nezzar." "And then?" "Why then I get a mug of cider and go." The next Saturday night found Ben at the ministor's The letter was busy on a sermon ter's. The latter was busy on a sermon and was not talkative. Ben sat till there annually. No so-called greases en er into these was a pause, and the minister looked soaps. Only pure refined tallow and vegetable and was not talkative. Ben sat till there up. Then he uttered with a tone intended to be sweetly pleasing and attractive: "Genesis, Matthew, Mark, and economical housekeepers." Luke, John, Exodus, and 'Pocraphy.' The minister stared at him, but before he had thought it worth while to say any thing, his mind reverted to his sermon. Then Ben proceeded in a tone of sadder earnestness: "Me say—Peter cians in the country prescribe it as the best cus." "Ah, yes," replied the clergyman abstractedly; "very true." He put away his work with a sigh of relief, and then thought of setting to find out always keep it. Two sizes-50 cents and what his visitor really wanted. Ben, however, anticipated him by uttering with the determined accent of one who wouldn't be misunderstood or wronged on any account: "Me say-Babylon-Moses-Judas 'Scariot-Saint John-Nebuchadnezzar!" "Ben, what do you mean?" said the clergyman, at last startled. "Me mean," said the Indian, with calm dignity-"me mean-cider!"

The Story of One of Shelby's Men.

In the year 1865, just after the breaking up of the Confederate armies, a double the value of last year's exporyoung soldier, a member of Joe Shel- tation. oy's command, accompanied by his father, arrived in Corsicana. The old gentleman had with him a large sum of money in gold. After providing liberally for his boy, who was then on his | condition TUTT's Pills are a specific. The vigor way to Mexico, the old gentleman, and elastic ty of you h, and buoyancy of spirits, will whose name was Bently Irving, sadly and sorrowfully journeyed back to his home in Missouri. The son remained abroad until a short time since, when, upon the receipt of letters and his father's last will and testament, together with the announcement of his death, he returned to the home of his father. few years since it has grown into such enormous dimensions. Having gained these items of information for the readers of the Free Press, and becoming had taken the precaution to hide his During the recent campaigns against satisfied of the reality of this novel treasures for the benefit of his absent olated homestead in Missouri the young man came on here, and soon found the treasure-a pot of gold-amounting to -A Yokohama paper announces the nearly \$8,000, exactly in the spot de-ircuit of the world by means of cor-scribed in his father's directions. respondence in seventy-eight days, two Young Irving took the north-bound

> -A five-year-old daughter of Judson Kerr, residing near Alba, Iowa, was burned to death a few days ago. It is supposed that, during the temporary absence of her mother, she at-Cream Cake .- 12 cupfuls of flour, 3 tempted to stir the fire with a hot

SEASONABLE RECIPES.

Chilblain Liniment.—1 dram sugar of lead, 2 drams white vitriol; powder SOAP! CHINESE, how to make for 3 cents a lead, 2 drams white vitriol; powder 306 North Seventh St., St. Louis, Mo. Chilblain Liniment .- 1 dram sugar of in wheat upon the bull side of the and add 4 ounces of water; shake well market, and his twenty-third Street before using; the best time for application is in the evening; it is not to be

Bachelors' Buttons.-Rab 2 ounces in his purchases, and, becoming elated butter into 5 ounces flour, 5 ounces thereby, took slightly more stock in the white sugar; beat 1 egg with half the flowing bowl than his system required. sugar and add the rest; flour to suit; roll in the hands as large as a nut sprinkle white sugar over them; bake on tins or buttered paper very light.

Cough Troches .- 1 ounce Spanish lieorice, 2 ounces refined sugar, 2 drams finely powdered gum-arabic, and extract of opium, 1 scruple. Beat the whole together, with mucilage of gum tragacanth, make into small troches, to be dissolved in the mouth when cough is troublesome.

Molasses Pie.-Cover a plate with paste as for pumpkin pie; spread over this crust 3 tablespoonfuls of flour, and a spoonful of butter cut in small pieces, and 5 tablespoonfuls of Orleans or maple sirup. The latter is the best. Bake in a moderately heated oven. When nearly done, stir till the ingredients are well mixed, then let it finish baking.

A Laundry Secret .- The following recipe for doing up shirts will be found of use to many housewives: Take 2 ounces of fine white gum-arabic powder; put it into a pitcher and pour on really was suggestive of a struggle with it a pint or so of water; and then, having covered it up, let it stand all night. In the morning pour it carefully from the dregs into a clean bottle, and cork he comes in and speaks about the alligator, make believe that you dont't see of gum water stirred into a pint of starch made in the usual manner will give to the lawns, either white or printed, a look of newness, when nothing else can restore them, after they have been washed.

Down-east Bread.-12 pints sweet and very fresh milk, luke-warm; 3 tablespoonfuls yeast in the milk, a scant tenspoonful soda if the yeast is sweet, "Why, that one crawling about the a full teaspoonful if it is at all sour, and room!" responded the wheat specula- a little salt; add flour while it stirs easily, and a little flour on top at last, "I don't see any alligator," replied to prevent the cloth from sticking; cover and set it in a moderately warm place "What! You don't see any alligator, to rise over night. 1 pint of milk makes a large loaf, and a pint makes a dozen biscuits. In the morning roll your bis-"I don't know what you mean," was | cuits and cut them, then place before the fire to rise a hour before baking. Allow your loaf after it is in the pan to rise from 1 hour to 1 hour, turning it round, so that it may rise evenly. This receipt

Death-bed Repentance.

Apropos of the war on the gas comcan't believe that I've got 'em, but, so good many years ago, who was a heavy help me Peter, I'll never drink anoth- stockholder in the Manchester Gaslight Company, but died soon after its incorporation. Shortly before his death he was visited by his pastor, who endeavored to solemnize his mind in Sam and Ben were two Indians, both view of his approaching dissolution.

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